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SUBJECT: WFP ROME PERSONNEL CHANGES

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1. DURING CALL ON VOGEL APRIL 4, BAKER HAS OCCASION TO MENTION THAT U.S. HAD HIGH-CALIBER PERSONNEL TO ASSIST IN STRENGTHENING WFP. VOGEL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT U.S. UNDERREPRESENTED AND, WHEN BAKER DREW PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO WHITTAKER AND PEARSON, STATED THAT HE HAD THESE TWO CANDIDATES MUCH IN MIND AND WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THEIR CREDENTIALS.

2. HE MADE CLEAR (WITH RESPECT TO PARA 2 OF REFTTEL) HOWEVER THAT HE HAD HIS MIND MADE UP ON FILLING NEW DEPUTY SLOT IN MONGIO'S DIVISION FROM INSIDE. ASKED WHETHER HE WASN'T UP AGAINST A TIME DEADLINE, HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WOULD, IN THIS CASE, HAVE TO SEEK A ONE-YEAR EXTENSION BEYOND RETIREMENT AGE TO MAKE IT A TWO-YEAR ASSIGNMENT. HE URGED THAT HIS INTENDED CHOICE NOT BE DIVULGED AS FEW IN WFP AWARE OF IT.

3. WE PLAN TO CALL PARSON AND METTUM TO CAHSIN'S ATTENTION ALSO IF HE ARRIVES FOR CFA.
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4. WITH AN AMERICAN LINED UP AS MONGIA'S DEPUTY, WE EXPECT VOGEL, WHO BEING PRESSED FROM OTHER QUARTERS, TO RESIST NAMING AN AMERICAN DEPUTY IN RESOURCES DIVISION. IN THIS SITUATION WE FEEL IT IMPORTANT THAT SINTOBIN, WHO WORKS VERY COOPERATIVELY WITH US, STAY IN PLACE. THESE CIRCUMSTANCES RAISE QUESTION OF BEST UTILIZATION OF WISE OR SYKES. DO EITHER

HAVE QUALIFICATIONS FOR D-1 LEVEL IN FAO INVESTMENT CENTER?
WE HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY PERSONNEL RESULTS IN THAT AREA OF
BRICHAMBEAU FEBRUARY VISIT TO WASHINGTON. HOMES

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